

COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

January 15, 2004

TO:

Michael Uberuaga, City Manager

FROM:

Councilmember Donna Frye

SUBJECT:

Airport Advisory Committee meeting schedule

It has recently come to my attention that City staff has recommended that the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC), which currently meets on a monthly basis, begin to meet on a quarterly basis. This recommendation was made due to the poor attendance by AAC members, as well as members of the general public. City staff also cited that this change would save money currently spent on staff time at these meetings. I understand staff's concerns and reasons for requesting that the AAC meet on a quarterly basis, however, I strongly believe that this forum must meet on a more frequent basis. Members of the public and the general airport users must have a regular meeting at which they can address their questions and concerns to City staff and the AAC. This is a healthy process that must continue in order for our City airports to remain in touch with local communities throughout the City of San Diego.

Therefore, I would ask that the City Manager direct the Real Estate Assets Department and the Airport Division to begin discussions with the AAC on beginning to meet on a bi-monthly basis. This should allow for greater attendance at the meetings by AAC members, but also meet frequently enough to efficiently serve the public.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

cc: Will Griffith, Director, Real Estate Assets Tracy Means, Airport Director Buzz Fink, Chair, Airport Advisory Committee

DF/ks